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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT : Comments of Security Branch on NRO Agreement

1. I am addressing my comments herein specifically to the paragraph on Security in the agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the DCI dated 25 April 1962.

2. The cited paragraph delegates to the CIA broad and sweeping responsibility in the security area. Specifically, it indicates that "CIA will establish security policy for the NRP, including provision for a uniform system of security control and appropriate delegation of security responsibility":

a. With regard to the uniform system of security control, such a system [Redacted] is already in existence and, from all past discussions, the Intelligence Community welcomes this system as a vehicle for housing these sensitive programs.

b. With regard to CIA establishing security policy for the National Reconnaissance Program, we have had considerable experience in this security area. From the beginning of the U-2 program and down through C, A, and O, we have established such security policy for the programs handled by the Agency. With this firm experience base, we can address ourselves to the many other programs of the NRP. Before proceeding, however, I suggest that it will be necessary to analyze each of these programs under the NRP in order that we can comprehend the manner in which the programs are presently being managed from the security standpoint. In anticipation of such a meeting we have prepared a check list to assist in such analysis. This check list will include such items as standards for clearances, management responsibility, history of Project, approved communications, product control, method of contracting, etc.

3. In view of the fact that cited paragraph enunciates a broad responsibility of the DCI, I suggest it must be implemented under the direction of the Director of Security. The uniform system of security

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control [ ] will in the near future be blended in with the Special Security Center under the cognizance of the Director of Security. After the analysis of these several programs, a decision will have to be made as to whether the indices of individuals cleared for these programs will be incorporated into the [ ]. If the decision is in the affirmative, appropriate timing must be agreed upon.

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4. Similarly, the Director of Security must be made aware of the scope of these programs, particularly in the area requiring investigative and security operational support, since it is his responsibility to determine whether or not the investigative staff of the CIA has the capacity for handling any possible additional requirements or whether in the alternative the security functions may be delegated to investigative offices of other Department of Defense units.

5. In summary, therefore, I suggest that the first step to be taken with regard to the security paragraph of the NRO paper, is for representatives of the Director of Security, undoubtedly including representation from this Security Branch, to be fully informed as to the scope of activities under the National Reconnaissance Program and, after detailed analysis of these programs, appropriate security policy can be enunciated and necessary delegation of security responsibility made.

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